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EMB OFFICER WHO RECENTLY VISITED TRIESTE ACQUIRED WHAT PURPORTS TO BE MINUTES OF SEPT 3 MEETING OF COMMUNIST PARTY FTT RPT FTT. OFFICER LEFT TRIESTE WITHOUT HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO PASS DOCUMENT TO SIMS. HE OBTAINED IT FROM ITAL WHOM HE HAS KNOWN FOR YEARS. HE HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS FABRICATION.

PRINCIPAL POINT MADE IN DOCUMENT, COMPLETE TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS AIRMAIL, IS THAT VIDALI REPORTED YUGOSLAVIA HAS FINALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT IT CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT SUPPORT SOVIET UNION AND THAT TITO "IS NOW AFFECTING REVISION OF POLICY FOLLOWED UP TO PRESENT TIME BY YUGOSLAVIA ON ADVICE NATIONALIST ELEMENTS WHICH MUST INEVITABLY BE ELIMINATED." VIDALI CONTINUED THAT THERE COULD NOT BE EXCESSIVE HOPE OF IMMEDIATE REVERSAL BY TITO. IT IS NOT IN INTEREST OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES THAT ANGLO-AMERICANS BECOME AWARE IMMEDIATELY OF TITO'S CHANGE IN COURSE. HOWEVER VIDALI STATED THAT A RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN TITO AND SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE "HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY FRUITFUL ALSO FOR TRIESTE QUESTION. TANGIBLE PROOF IS DISSOLUTION TITO COMMUNIST PARTY." VIDALI WENT ON TO STATE THAT MOMENT MAY HAVE ARRIVED TO OPEN CAUTIOUS CONTACT WITH TITO PROPONENTS AND WITH TRUSTWORTHY PERSONS IN PSVG RPT PSVG TO EXAMINE WHETHER MOVEMENT FOR APPLICATION PEACE TREATY RE FTT MAY BE STARTED.

BEDINI ALSO TOLD MEETING THAT THERE WAS NEED TO AGITATE IN CREVATINI WHERE PARTY HAS MANY ADHERENTS BY THREATENING TO BURN TOWN AT MOMENT OF AGREEMENT. BEDINI AND BERMETIEH THEN CHARGED WITH ORGANIZING SQUADS TO AROUSE ISTRIAN REFUGEES AND INHABITANTS ZONE TO BE CEDED YUGOSLAVIA. VIDALI STATED NEED OF COMMIE CELLS IN VG RPT VG POLICE TO ACT AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DISCONTENT IN ORGANIZATION BECAUSE OF TRANSFER TO ITALY TO CANCEL AMG ORDERS. MEETING ALSO MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO EXPAND PROTECTION FOR "FRONTIER CROSSINGS." (TEXT DOES NOT MAKE CLEAR WHAT FRONTIER INVOLVED.)

WE ARE UNABLE EVALUATE DOCUMENT BUT ARE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM AGENCY US GOVT. DEPT MAY WISH CONSIDER ADVISABILITY REPEATING THIS TEL TRIESTE AND BELGRADE.

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